

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 are pending.

Claims 1 and 7 are under active consideration.

Claims 10 – 15 are added with entry of this amendment.

Applicant has introduced new claim 10, which depends from claim 1. Support for claim 10 is found in the specification at page 22, line 13.

Applicant has introduced new claims 11 and 12, which depend from claim 1. Support for claims 11 and 12 is found in the specification at page 20, last line.

Applicant has introduced new claims 13 and 14, which depend from claim 1. Support for claims 13 and 14 is found in the specification at page 20, line 13, and page 42, lines 6 and 10-11.

Applicant has introduced new claim 15, which depends from claim 1. Support for claim 15 is found in the specification at page 6, line 11.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of these new claims.

Status of claims

Applicant notes that page 1 of the instant Office Action states that claims 1 and 7 are pending. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-6 and 8-9 are also pending and have not been canceled by Applicant. In response to the restriction requirement mailed 28th June, 2005, Applicant elected the Examiner's Group I (claims 1 and 7) with traverse but did not cancel claims 2-6 and 8-9.

Rejections under 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner fully considered Applicant's arguments, filed February 15, 2005, and found them persuasive. Therefore, the rejection under 102(b) had been withdrawn.

New Rejections under 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner states that claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 102(b) as anticipated by Britvec (US Patent No. 4,646,504).

Regarding claim 1, the Examiner stated that Britvec discloses the claimed features of a graphical user interface (GUI), the GUI comprising: a plurality of nested spherical surfaces; a plurality of nodes, the plurality of nodes comprising a first node and a second node, and each node associated with a location on at least one of the plurality of spherical surfaces; and a plurality of lines, at least one line having a first endpoint associated with the first node and a second endpoint associated with the second node.

The Examiner further stated that Figure 8 of US Patent No. 4,646,504 discloses a plurality of nested spherical surfaces, a plurality of nodes on a plurality of surfaces, and a plurality of lines connecting a plurality of nodes.

Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) requires the presence in a single prior art disclosure of each and every element of a claimed invention. *Lewmar Marine, Inc. v. Barient, Inc.*, 827 F.2d 744, 747, 3 USPQ2d 1766, 1767 (Fed. Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 484 U.S. 1007 (1988).

Applicant respectfully submits that Britvec discloses a reticulated structure comprising straight elongate element(s) serially interconnected with a load responsive means (US Patent No. 4,646,504, title and abstract) that relate to an improvement of such structures including truss and

lattice type of structures (Field of the Invention, column 1, lines 7-9) and that resist buckling (column 9, line 68). Applicant respectfully submits that Britvec does not disclose a graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 of the instant application. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Britvec does not anticipate claim 1.

Regarding claim 7, the Examiner stated that Britvec demonstrated all the elements as disclosed in rejected claim 1 and further discloses that more than one lines can be associated with a first node and a second node (Figure 8 of US Patent No. 4,646,504).

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Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 USC 102(b) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is in a condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejections.

If the Examiner contemplates other action, or if a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's Agent. Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (510) 537-2040, is respectfully invited.

This response is timely filed . If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of **Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194**. The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kaser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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